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Mitch O'Farrell, Councilmember, 13th District



Friend --

I have some exciting news! I introduced a motion this morning that will unlock close to \$1.9 million dollars in funds to renovate Residence A: the dilapidated and shuttered guesthouse for the historic Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Hollyhock House located in Barnsdall Park.

I am collaborating with Project Restore on this project, and my policy advisor Christine Peters identified the funds through Community Redevelopment Excess Bond proceeds available to the Council office. In addition to introducing a motion to unlock the funding, I am also directing staff to work with Project Restore to identify the balance of the funds to complete the Project. The total cost of the restoration project is estimated at \$3.2 million.

Just over a year ago, we celebrated the grand re-opening of Hollyhock House which brought thousands of Angelenos to Barnsdall Park to imagine what it was like to live in Los Angeles in the 1920s. The event inspired my commitment to find a way to restore Residence A to its original historic splendor, and finally re-open the second publicly-accessible Frank Lloyd Wright home in the area.

The scope of the work on the 2600-square foot residence will include seismic testing, inspection, analysis, repair, and strengthening; upgrade of roof and drainage systems; restoration of doors, windows, flooring; and the restoration of major areas, including Living Room, Foyer, Dining Room, and Kitchen. Residence A closed its doors to the public in 2000, when the entire park closed for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's tunneling of the Red Line subway.

We have a team dedicated to the success of Barnsdall Park, including our Department of Cultural Affairs General Manager Danielle Brazell, Hollyhock House curator Jeffrey Herr, Recreation and Parks General Manager Mike Shull, Tony Royster from General Services Department, Kevin Jew and Hsiao-Ling Ting from the Bureau of Engineering, Isabelle Lutterodt from the Municipal Gallery, and Mark Edwards and his board at the Barnsdall Art Park Foundation. There are many more, including our muse Aline Barnsdall, and for her legacy of arts and culture she bestowed on the City of Angels.

It really takes a village, and together we are restoring a space that perhaps may inspire creativity in all of us! [Be sure to share the news using this link.](#)

Warm regards,

Mitch O'Farrell

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#### COMING UP

SAT 4/16 [PUBLIC FORUM: UPDATING THE CITY'S ZONING CODE](#)

SAT 4/16 [SWEEPING OUR STREETS WITH LOVE COMMUNITY CLEAN UP](#)

SAT 4/16 [OPEN HOUSE FOR BRAND NEW RAMPART COMMUNITY POLICE STATION](#)

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#### HEADLINES

Crumbling Barnsdall structure gets big restoration [[CURBED](#)]

LA to reform City Planning, one way or another [[BEVERLY PRESS](#)]

The power of art to build strong youth and heal trauma [[HUFFINGTON POST](#)]

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**TEAM MITCH MAKING A DIFFERENCE - WILTON PLACE**



## MITCH O'FARRELL

COUNCILMEMBER, 13TH DISTRICT

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



**HOLLYWOOD** - The CD 13 Clean Team took the initiative to trim a very full palm tree on Wilton Place, south of Santa Monica Boulevard in Hollywood. The crew worked to trim the fronds and remove weeds and litter, and make this sidewalk safer for students and pedestrians in this neighborhood. See an area that needs attention? Contact Sylvan De La Cruz in our district office at 213-207-3015.

[SEE MORE BEFORE AND AFTER PHOTOS ON FACEBOOK](#)

### O'FARRELL IMPLEMENTS CROWD & TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES FOR OPENING DAY



**ECHO PARK** - Dodgers Opening Day was a huge success for nearby residents, partly due to the crowd and traffic control measures requested by the 13th District office. The 2-hour parking was well received by Echo Park constituents, and there were no reports of towing. The Councilmember wants to highlight the work of some of our partners, including the CD13 Clean Team who picked up trash and debris, and Trash Free Earth who collected more than 28 pounds of bottle caps and cigarette butts! A special shout out to Los Angeles Police Department Senior Lead Officers Gina Chovan and Lenny Davis, as well as Sgt Vincent Aguirre for responding to requests for increased patrols in the area, including the commercial corridors where bars overflow onto the sidewalks.

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### CITY LEADERS LAUNCH REFORMS TO STRENGTHEN PLANNING PROCESS AND PROTECT NEIGHBORHOODS

**LOS ANGELES**— Mayor Eric Garcetti and the City Council recently introduced reforms to help guide the City's growth and development, and protect the unique character of our neighborhoods. The Mayor is

calling for the update of all of the City's community plans and will include funding in his upcoming budget to support this effort. And in a motion introduced this week by Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell along with his colleagues Councilmembers José Huizar, Gil Cedillo, David Ryu, Bob Blumenfield, Mike Bonin, and seconded by Councilmember Paul Krekorian, the City Council instructed the Planning Department to report back on overhauling the Community Plan program. They also called for recommendations on ways to increase oversight of the environmental review process, and upgrade outdated technology.

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#### **O'FARRELL, NORTHEAST DIVISION OF LAPD RIDE THE LA RIVER**



ELYSIAN VALLEY - Councilmember O'Farrell joined officers with the Northeast Division of the Los Angeles Police Department to meet with residents and go for a ride along the LA River. Dozens of people participated in the community-building event, which served to connect officers with neighbors in the area.

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#### **HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME WELCOMES CYNDI LAUPER AND HARVEY FIERSTEIN**





HOLLYWOOD - Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell proclaimed 'Cyndi Lauper and Harvey Fierstein Day' in the City of Los Angeles. The two were honored with their own stars in front of the Pantages Theater for their work on the Tony Award winning musical *Kinky Boots*. The Hollywood Walk of Fame is a top tourist destination, with more than 2,500 five-pointed terrazzo and brass stars embedded in the sidewalks along 15 blocks of Hollywood Boulevard and three blocks of Vine Street. The stars are monuments to achievements in entertainment.

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#### O'FARRELL ANNOUNCES NEW HOLLYWOOD SATELLITE OFFICE



HOLLYWOOD - Councilmember O'Farrell, and office manager Gigi Galias, give us the thumbs up on the new Hollywood Satellite Office. The space, which is operated by appointment only, will better serve constituents and provide more coverage on this side of the district. Schedule an appointment with Dan Halden at 213-207-3015.

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#### AROUND THE DISTRICT

[You're invited: Griffith Park Adult Community Center Spring Faire](#)

[Reserve your spot: American Red Cross CPR Class](#)

[Echo Park prepares to celebrate the 36th annual Lotus Festival](#)

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#### PHOTO OF THE WEEK



CITY HALL - Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell along with his colleagues on the City Council stand in solidarity with the Armenian community, praying for peace in Artsakh in light of Azerbaijani atrocities.

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